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1. WIPO Patent Application No. WO 2004/011308 published February 5, 2004 discloses: An inflator bag for occupant restraint device and a method of manufacturing the inflator bag, the method comprising the steps of forming a rectangular box-shaped bag body having fourchette parts for assuring a height provided on the peripheral side surfaces thereof by forming a resin sheet or a metal sheet, forming folds for bending the fourchette parts inward at the vertical intermediate parts of the fourchette parts, forming triangular overlappingly folded parts overlappingly folded on the folded portion of the fourchette part on one side according to the folding of the fourchette part on one side at the end part of the fourchette part on the other side holding the corner part of the rectangular box-shaped bag body, folding flat the rectangular box-shaped bag body by folding the fourchette parts inward through the folds, and closing the

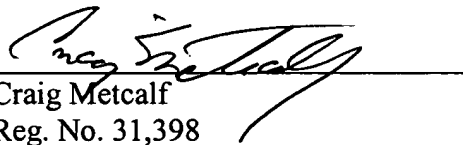
rectangular box-shaped bag body in a sealed structure by closing the bottom surface thereof opposed to the top plate by the bottom plate thereof, whereby the inflator bag for occupant restraint device compactly stored, developed in a stable shape while assuring a sufficient developing stroke, and processed easily can be provided.

2. German Patent Application No. DE 39 34 588 published April 25, 1991 discloses: The knee restraint is mounted under the dashboard of the passenger side, or the driver's position, and does not impede access to that seat. The integral gas generator is fitted onto the mounting plate, while a folded airbag is held in the cover. The support has thin sides of corrugated metal, which are extended by the gas before the airbag is inflated. The airbag is inflated via holes of controlled size in the outer plate of the support, and under the folded airbag. When the peak pressure has passed, air leaks out of the airbag, leaving the extended support over the knees. USE/ADVANTAGE - Knee restraint airbag in vehicle prevents seat occupant sliding under dashboard, and has compact mounting.

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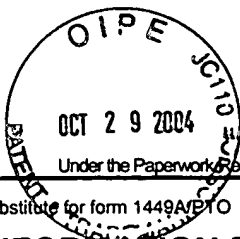
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